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Mr. Art Van Maren  
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**Re: Letter of Appreciation from BCBC to Van Maren Construction**

Dear Art and Eric:

I wanted to express my sincere thanks to Art and Eric Van Maren for a job well done on the Chilliwack Five Corners Project. Eric was very forthright in all his dealings with us and was a pleasure to work with during our initial negotiations. I found Eric to have a thorough knowledge of real estate, contracts and procurement. His creativity in solving our early issues was invaluable.

Once the Design Build process was launched Art took over and oversaw the architectural work through to the completion of construction. Once again, I found Art to be honest, forthright and very hard working. Van Maren's organization and presentation of information could not have been better. Art was consistently creative, intelligent and fair minded in addressing every issue that arose. As a result we were able to produce a good, solid project that came in on budget and ahead of schedule. I was impressed by Art's ability to get the most value from a fairly tight budget. Art is a 'finisher' and has stayed with the project to insure that all aspects were seen through to completion. As a result, user satisfaction has been very high on this project.

I would not hesitate to recommend Van Maren Construction to anyone contemplating a major architectural project.

Yours truly

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES GROUP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Graham Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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